

ROTHMANS Isthmian League Division One champions Wycombe Wanderers received a cheque for £1,675.97 at the League's presentation dinner in London recently. The Blues' prize money was made up of £1,000 for winning the league, £440 for 11 three-clear-goal victories and £235.97 from the sportsman's pool.

Every club in the two divisions was represented and all but one — Wokingham Town — picked up a cheque. The Wycombe team also received their Rothmans Isthmian League

trophy, a replica which they keep and their individual plaques. Wanderers keep the main trophy for one year.

Proposing the toast 'The Rothmans Isthmian League', Rothmans managing Director Mr. Bob Wickenden spoke of the highly successful season which had just finished. "We've had lots of publicity and everyone is pleased with the league's principles. I feel we have also made a big impact on the Football League," he said.

Mr. Wickenden congratulated many clubs including Hendon, Walton and Wycombe Wanderers for their achievements in the F.A. Cup

and also the two Amateur Cup finalists, Bishop's Stortford and Ilford.

"Wycombe Wanderers have proved perfect champions," he said. "They scored 96 goals — more than anyone else and had had only one name taken."

He also paid tribute to Hitchin Town, who did not lose a single point in the sportsman's scheme and added that attendances had increased up to 50 per cent. "It only goes to show that if you play attractive football, people will want to follow you."

Speaking of plans for expansion, Mr. Wickenden told guests that Rothmans were already

sponsoring the Western and Northern Leagues next season. "We are expanding in every way so that we can become the most progressive league outside the Football League," he said.

Replying, Barry East thanked Mr. Jimmy Hill for all his efforts. "Jim put this package together for us and without him we would not be here this evening. We must continue our efforts to ensure our being the best outside the Football League and maintain our ideals of sportsmanship which is the basis of our game."

President of Hampton F.C. and well known script writer Alan Simpson proposed the toast 'The Guests', and the final speaker of the evening was Lord Netherthorpe, vice president of the Football Association.

Lord Netherthorpe said he regretted the passing of the Amateur Cup and recalled when he presented the Cup to Enfield on one occasion.

Speaking of the Rothmans Isthmian League he said, "This league is bringing new zest to the game. There is something to be said for competition and reward for efforts — especially awards to the clubs."



Rothmans Isthmian League chairman Mr. Barry East (centre) presents the league trophy to Wycombe Wanderers manager Brian Lee at the Rothmans dinner. Blues skipper Larry Pritchard (right) is holding the replica which the club will keep.

ROTHMANS SPONSORSHIP AWARDS

Wycombe Wanderers £1,000 (winners), £235.97 (Sportsman's Pool), £440 (Three goal wins), total £1,675.97; **Hendon** £500 (runners up), £202.26 (S.P.), £200 (3 G.W.), total £902.26; **Bishop's Stortford** £300 (third), £101.13 (S.P.), £440 (3 G.W.), total £841.13; **Leatherhead** £300 (Goalscoring awards), £168.55 (S.P.), £360.00 (3 G.W.), total £828.55; **Hitchin Town** £50 (Goalscoring awards), £269.68 (S.P.), £200.00 (3 G.W.), total £519.68; **Leytonstone** £235.97 (S.P.), £200.00 (3 G.W.), total £435.97; **Sutton United** £235.97 (S.P.), £120.00 (3 G.W.), total £355.97; **Hayes** £280.00 (3 G.W.), total £280.00; **Walton and Hersham** £280.00 (3 G.W.), total £280.00; **Woking** £101.13 (S.P.), £160.00 (3 G.W.), total £261.13; **Corinthian Casuals** £202.26 (S.P.), £40.00 (3 G.W.), total £242.26; **Dulwich Hamlet** £240.00 (3 G.W.), total £240.00; **Tooting and Mitcham** £67.42 (S.P.), £160.00 (3 G.W.), total £227.42; **Kingstonian** £134.84 (S.P.), £80.00 (3 G.W.), total £214.84; **Ilford** £33.71 (S.P.), £160.00 (3 G.W.), total £193.71; **Oxford City** £168.55 (S.P.), total £168.55; **Bromley** £160.00 (3 G.W.), total £160.00; **Barking** £120.00 (3 G.W.), total £120.00; **Enfield** £120.00 (3 G.W.), total £120.00; **Valthamstow Avenue** £120.00 (3 G.W.), total £120.00; **St. Albans City** £67.42 (S.P.), £40.00 (3 G.W.), total £107.42; **Clapton** £80.00 (3 G.W.), total £80.00